

# Grade Statistics

The figures below have been extracted from the global statistics published on our website, per year, exam, and country, here: <http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/research-and-validation/quality-and-accountability/grade-statistics/>

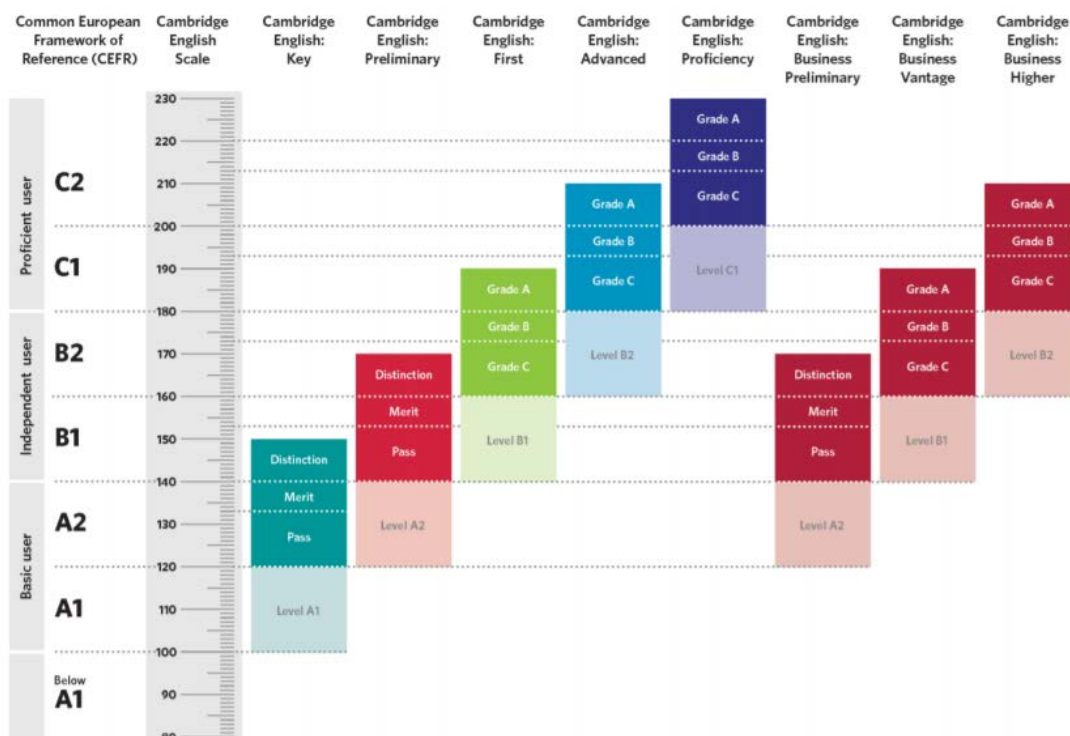
A few remarks below may add to the insights provided by the chart on the following page:

- Compared to the rest of the world, German and Austrian candidates are highly successful, with higher pass rates and lower fail rates
- Candidates who failed an exam narrowly ("Near Fail") will receive a certificate testifying the next lower CEFR level, which means that virtually all German and Austrian candidates receive a certificate (see figures on the next page)
- A high proportion of candidates from A2 to C1 are pupils. On average across both Germany and Austria, and including both the standard and the "for Schools" exams, we estimate that approximately 80% of the A2, 85% of the B1, 70% of the B2, and 65% of the C1 candidates are pupils
- We know from other studies that cohorts of pupils usually perform better than adult candidates in Germany and Austria

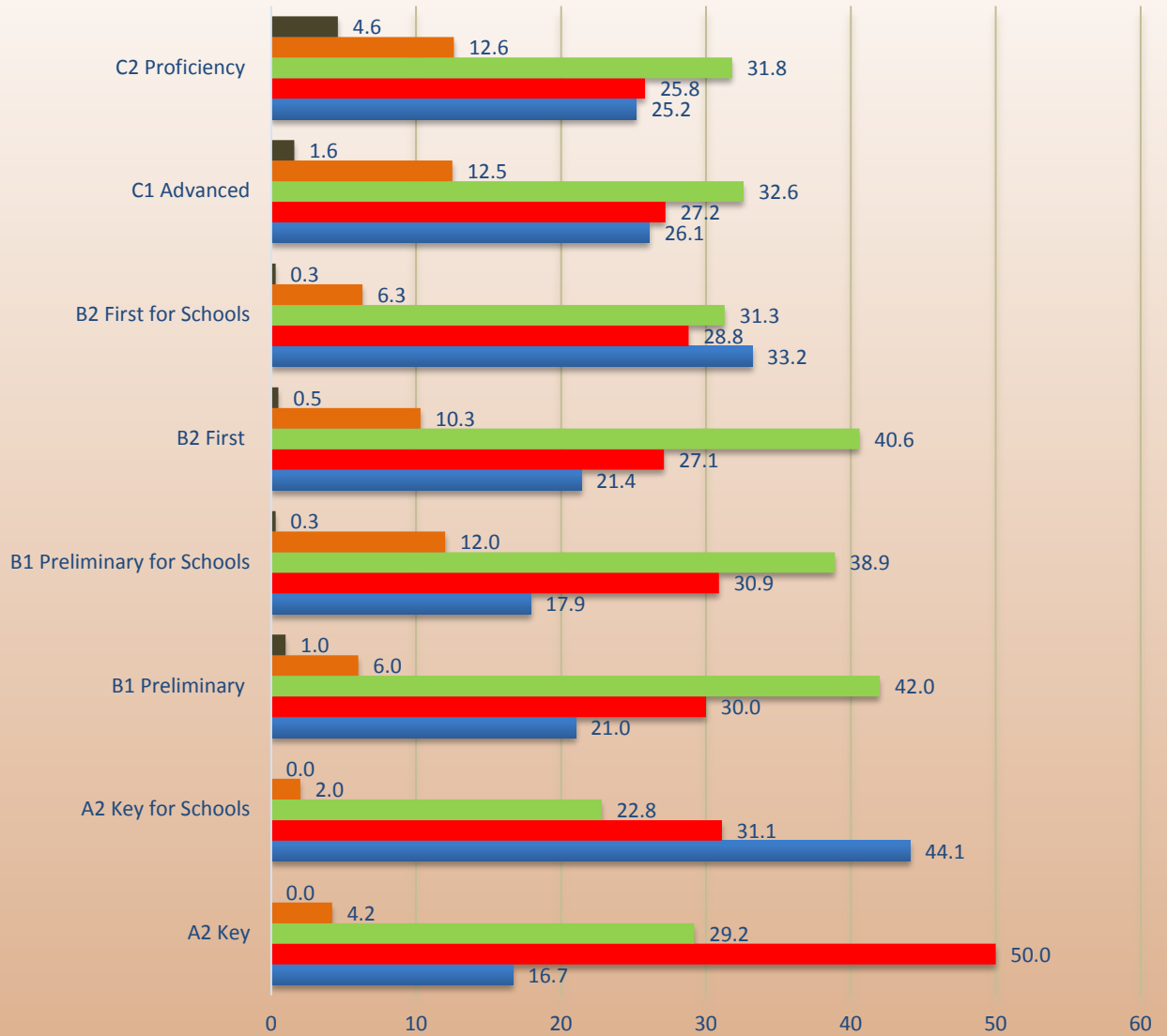
Overall, the statistics demonstrate that German and Austrian pupils are very successful in passing Cambridge English Qualifications.

## About the grades

|                      | Grade | Significance  | Comments  |
|----------------------|-------|---|---|
| Pass                 | C     | Candidate has demonstrated the ability level required by the exam.  | At CEFR A2 and B1 called "Pass"                         |
|                      | B     | Candidate has demonstrated strong abilities at the level of the exam. Grade B is awarded to a much narrower range of scores than Grade C (see chart below). | At CEFR A2 and B1 called "Merit"                        |
| Pass at higher level | A     | Candidate has demonstrated abilities at the next CEFR level. The higher level is entered on the certificate.  | At CEFR A2 and B1 called "Distinction".                 |
| Near Fail            |       | Candidate reached the CEFR level below the level of the exam.   | Candidates receive a certificate for the level reached. |



### Grade statistics % out of total candidates no. Austria, 2016



|  | A2 Key | A2 Key for Schools | B1 Preliminary | B1 Preliminary for Schools | B2 First | B2 First for Schools | C1 Advanced | C2 Proficiency |
|--|--------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Fail   | 0.0    | 0.0                | 1.0            | 0.3                        | 0.5      | 0.3                  | 1.6         | 4.6            |
| Near fail (certificate for lower CEFR level) | 4.2    | 2.0                | 6.0            | 12.0                       | 10.3     | 6.3                  | 12.5        | 12.6           |
| Grade C                                      | 29.2   | 22.8               | 42.0           | 38.9                       | 40.6     | 31.3                 | 32.6        | 31.8           |
| Grade B                                      | 50.0   | 31.1               | 30.0           | 30.9                       | 27.1     | 28.8                 | 27.2        | 25.8           |
| Grade A (certificate for next CEFR level)    | 16.7   | 44.1               | 21.0           | 17.9                       | 21.4     | 33.2                 | 26.1        | 25.2           |

Fail Near fail (certificate for lower CEFR level) Grade C Grade B Grade A (certificate for next CEFR level)